

TEST PREP

Know the News— Is This a Flag of Hate?

Read the article on pp. 10-15, then answer the questions.

1. Which of these is a central idea of the article?

- Ⓐ Dylann Roof is accused of murdering nine black Americans in Charleston, South Carolina.
- Ⓑ The South Carolina legislature lowered a Confederate flag flying at its State House.
- Ⓒ Southern states denied equal rights to blacks for a century after slavery was abolished.
- Ⓓ Symbols of the Confederacy, especially the battle flag, are a source of pride or anguish for many Americans.

2. Which quote best supports this central idea?

- Ⓐ "It took something that shocked the conscience of the legislature and of the state as a whole."
- Ⓑ "The flag is shorthand for: This is who I am, this is what I believe."
- Ⓒ "Racism is not just 'a Southern problem.'"
- Ⓓ "The South is evolving in dramatic ways."

3. "When [James Johnson] was a boy, the Ku Klux Klan, a racist group that terrorized blacks, would march through town, always brandishing the Confederate flag."

Based on the context, which is the best meaning of *brandishing*?

- Ⓐ holding protectively
- Ⓑ selling
- Ⓒ shaking or waving threateningly
- Ⓓ trying to force on someone

4. White Southerners often speak of "heritage" when they refer to the Confederate flag. What's the best definition of that word?

- Ⓐ citizenship
- Ⓑ an object worth a lot of money
- Ⓒ tradition handed down from predecessors
- Ⓓ victory in the Civil War

5. Which quote best illustrates Dylann Roof's influence on the debate over the Confederate flag at the South Carolina State House?

- Ⓐ "I didn't think I'd live to see this."
- Ⓑ "[The flag is] about my ancestors fighting for their freedom."

- Ⓒ "They couldn't ignore the message of hate that so many associate with that flag."
- Ⓓ "We had 22,000 South Carolinians die under the flag."

6. Which is *not* an argument in the story for keeping Confederate symbols?

- Ⓐ The cost of taking them down is too high.
- Ⓑ Forbidding them violates the principle of free speech.
- Ⓒ Many Southerners take pride in them.
- Ⓓ Trying to erase the past is pointless.

7. Which of the people in the story might be most likely to have said the following?

"We have moved from slavery through civil rights and now the new South. It's a far different world than it was for our ancestors."

- Ⓐ Bill Ferris
- Ⓑ Robert Hines
- Ⓒ James Johnson
- Ⓓ Afia Kwarteng

8. Which of these statements is an opinion?

- Ⓐ George Washington owned slaves.
- Ⓑ Many people in the South defend the flag.
- Ⓒ The shootings shocked the nation.
- Ⓓ You can't wipe the past clean.

9. Why might the JS editors have included the map?

- Ⓐ to help readers locate key Civil War battles
- Ⓑ to illustrate how the South has changed since the Civil Rights era
- Ⓒ to show how different states in the South are dealing with symbols of the Confederacy
- Ⓓ to show where the editors think important changes can be made in the South

10. Which event happened first?

- Ⓐ Afia Kwarteng signed a petition to rename her school.
- Ⓑ South Carolina ordered the Confederate flag flown from the State House.
- Ⓒ Virginia began its Massive Resistance to integration.
- Ⓓ Walmart stopped selling items with the Confederate flag on them.